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FOR HABIB FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, RP
SUBJECT: REORGANIZATION OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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1. RUMORS CONCERNING REORGANIZATION OF PACIFIC AIR FORCES ARE INCREASING TO POINT WHERE UNWELCOME CONTROVERSY MAY BREAK INTO THE OPEN AND RESULT IN SPECULATION WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY MAKE US APPEAR IN DISARRAY BUT PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR UNWELCOME EXPLOITATION THROUGHOUT AREA.

2. I NOTICE THAT GENERAL WILSON IS VISITING CLARK SHORTLY AND RATHER LOW LEVELS IN 13AF ALREADY TALKING ABOUT SOUTHWEST PACIFIC COMMAND BEING ESTABLISHED AT CLARK THIS SUMMER. I ALSO FIND THAT CINCPACREPHIL HAS NOT BEEN FULLY BRIEFED ON JONES PLAN BUT HAS HEARD ONLY RUMORS WHICH DO NOT JIVE WITH WHAT JONES TOLD ME.

3. I HAD HOPED WE COULD DISCUSS RAMIFICATIONS OF THIS PROBLEM IN SOME DETAIL DURING YOUR VISIT, BUT SINCE YOU HAVE CANCELLED TRIP I WOULD LIKE TO UNDERLINE THE IMPORTANCE OF FOLLOWING THIS PROBLEM IN SOME DETAIL BEFORE WE ARE FACED WITH A JCS DECISION WHICH WE MIGHT FIND AT THE BEST EMBARRASSING AND AT
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WORST INTOLERABLE.

4. PLEASE TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS ENTERPRISE AND HOW
THIS EMBASSY'S VIEWS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ELICITED IN SOME FORMAL
FASHION BEFORE PENTAGON BEGINS AUTHORITATIVE LEAKS ON THIS
SUBJECT.

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